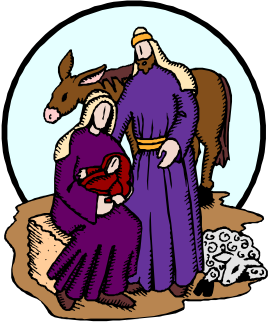


Merry Christmas!!

From the Crockett family



We arrived in Linn Creek, MO the 1st or 2nd of August. Immediately Nicholas asked Jason and me if it was going to snow. Not wanting to find or purchase snow pants, boots, real gloves etc. I told Nicholas to pray for snow. I did not think that God would provide snow for him. This past Wednesday God answered Nicholas' prayer for snow with a "YES". All three kids stayed home from school due to a snow day. We went and got shots to go to Mozambique after the roads cleared and stopped at Wal-Mart on the way home for snow pants, boots, gloves, and a few sleds.

I want to sum up our year quickly. We knew that this year was going to be the last of many things for the next few years. I was able to go to school for a semester. Jason was able to spend a bit of time with his parents and fly to Chicago to reunite with two high school buddies, one of which he hadn't seen for 13 years. Krista went to "Student Life" camp, took gymnastics and piano lessons as well as sang in the school's honor choir, Kali took horseback riding lessons, and Nicholas went to the "BEST" preschool (I can't believe he got in) and started Kindergarten this fall. We all enjoyed the perks of living here in the States. Thank you for providing for us, we have enjoyed this year.

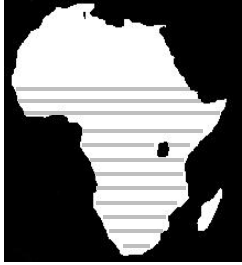
Our future plans include flying to S. Africa **January 22, 2004**. We will arrive in Johannesburg where we plan to stay a few days to recover from traveling. We then are hoping to have someone in the **Mozambique Hub** drive our family to the guesthouse our team is renting in the small city of White River. The Mozambique Hub is a group of South Africans who are set up to provide help for missionaries interested in going to Mozambique. We plan on staying in White River for a few weeks. **My hope is to be walking through the door of my new home in Nampula, Mozambique February 13, 2004.**

I am presently awaiting pictures (via the internet) of a home that we may have the opportunity to rent in a decent area of Nampula. The rent is \$800 however due to our being missionaries the renter may be willing to drop the price to \$500. Even in a safe area of Nampula, we will need to employ a night guard for our personal safety and peace of mind. Life in Mozambique is going to be comparable to living here. We need wisdom in budgeting our finances as well as trusting God with what He provides.

THANK YOU for providing for our family's personal needs as well as ministry needs. I walk this constant tightrope of emotions concerning the fact that **YOU** make everything possible. I do realize that God is the one who provides for us. However, thank you for caring about us and this effort we are involved in in Mozambique. **Pray** that we will be **ALL** that God desires to make us there in Africa. We want you to be proud of your willingness to support us in our willingness to **GO**.

As I look to our future I am truly awed at how God works. To be willing to be born as a man, endure life in this fallen world, face the cross in order to make fellowship with us possible and choose us, **the body of Christ**, to reach the lost here in the States and the entire World is

inspiring. I so do not understand the hows and whys behind His Workings. In the meantime, thank you for being what we need in the personal way that you are.



Support Level - 73%

Praises

- Our plane tickets to Mozambique are totally paid for
 - Safety while traveling
 - Meeting opportunities in the U.S. during 2003
 - Wonderful time with both friends and families in the US.
- “Friends In Action” is helping us purchase a “team vehicle” for Mozambique

Prayer Requests

- Continued desire and ability to learn and speak Portuguese
- Travel safety to Virginia in December and Mozambique in January
- \$15,000 more towards one time travel and setup costs totaling over \$30,000
- Increased regular monthly financial support



With Love and Hopes for a Wonderful Holiday!

Jason & Laurel Crockett

(written by Laurel)

If you wish to help us financially you may send your check payable to New Tribes Mission; 1000 E. First St.; Sanford, FL 32771-1487, with a note stating that it's for "Jason or Laurel Crockett" en-route to Mozambique